banking transactions with any bank of their choice, including foreign banks.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Export Targets

3315. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the export targets fixed for the year 1993-94 indicating separately the sector-wise breakup thereof;

(b) what is the manner in which the same compare with the actual exports during 1992-93 and 1991-92; and

(c) the details of strategy to be adopted to achieve these targets ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Export targets for the year 1993-94 have not been fixed.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Countries with whom trade relations are proposed to be established

3316. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the countries with whom India have trade relations or propose to establish the same during the current year;

(b) whether areas of joint ventures have been identified with these countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

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(b) and (c) In the trade agreements and in all bilateral fora, the possibility of establishing joint ventures in all possible areas is being stressed—as for instance in areas like banking, small scale industries, agricultural, textiles, pharmaceuticals, cement, leather, railways, communications, construction and so on.

Export of Aluminium

3317. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given a major thrust on the export of aluminium and its by products;

(b) if so, the achievements made in this regard during the last three years upto 28th February, 1993; and

(c) the targets fixed during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) There has been a big step up of exports of aluminium during the last three years. The exports made by primary aluminium producers are shown below :—

(in tonnes)

Item	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (April-Dec. '92)
Aluminuim	30,487	68,398	61,423
Semis	5,825	5,373	6,030

The export figures beyond December, 1992 are not yet available.

(c) No target has been fixed for export of aluminium during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Imports without payments of Duties against Exports

3318. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have got an ongoing scheme allowing imports without payment of duties against exports;

(b) if so, what is the number of such importers and the conditions imposed for licensing/permitting such imports;

(c) whether it is obligatory for such importers to commence exports within nine months or any other stipulated period;

(d) what is the number of importers availing this facility who have failed to export despite extensions; and

(e) whether the duty recovered from them is as prevailling on the date of import or the applicable duty on the date of payment ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Import Policy 1992-97 provides for grant of advance licences for duty free import of raw material, component parts etc. (popularly called inputs) for the manufacture and export of various products. These licences also impose export obligations which are to be achieved within the specified period. The terms and conditions attached to these licences, period allowed for fulfilling export obligations are given in the relevant paragraphs of the said chapter, as well as in the Chapter-VII and the relevant paras of the Handbook of Procedures 1992-97. Copies of both of Export-Import Policy 1992-97 and Handbook of Procedures are available in the Library of the Parliament.

(d) A preliminary assessment made recently indicates that in only 747 cases, exporters have been declared defaulters which is only 1.52% of the number of licences issued. In addition, enforcement action has been initiated in only 732 cases which constitutes 1.5% of the number of licences issued.

(e) The duty is recovered as per the rates prevailing on the date of imports made by exporters.

Participation in Auction Platforms of Tobacco Board

3319. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of bidder participating on each auction platform of Tobacco board;

(a) what is the number of them who are purchasing;

(c) what are the reasons for the passive participation of the bidders; and

(d) what are the details of steps being taken to review their active participation ?

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